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Our esteemed contemporary, the *Crisfield Leader*, takes us to task "for the few lines we had to say" in a recent issue of this paper about some of the citizens of "My Maryland" caught in the act of deprecating our oyster beds and now in durance vile for their temerity. We erred, it seems, in the epithets we applied to them. It is not denied, that they came into Virginia "and took things that did not belong to them." The *Leader* admits it and even "deprecates the violation of Virginia's oyster laws on the part of the oystermen of Maryland," but mirabile dictum! it must not be mentioned, or if at all, in tones so low and sweet that the oyster deprecators of "My Maryland" will not be offended. That our contemporary has such a tender regard for their feelings, however, will occasion no surprise, in the light of another statement made in its columns, viz: that the Maryland oystermen who invaded our territory and appropriated our property are no more pirates than the Virginia Police Force." which pursued and captured them and their ill gotten gains. Our contemporary, of course, did not mean this and on sober second thought cannot but repudiate a proposition so entirely at variance with justice and good morals. The *Leader*, in its zeal to defend all of its citizens, simply errs in not discriminating between its law-abiding and its law-breaking citizens, and we respectfully submit, thereby commits a great mistake. It must agree with us that the way to stop crime is to punish crime, the way, to stop a Marylander from taking oysters which do not belong to him, is not by backing him up and calling upon the Governor of Maryland to ask the Governor of Virginia, because of the pleasant relations existing between the two States and the inseparable ties of affection and common interest which bind them together, to condone the offence of the law-breaker and restore to him his property, but to permit the courts to mete out to him the justice he deserves. No, that has been done too much already. The men now in our custody for violating our laws and the boats captured with them must be held until dealt with according to law.

The Editor of the *PENINSULA ENTERPRISE* of Accomac, seems inclined to poke fun at "Maryland my Maryland" over the capture of Maryland oystermen in Maryland waters.—Ledger-Enterprise.

The above is misleading. "Maryland, my Maryland" and her noble people are too closely identified with Virginians in interest and in the affection they bear to each other for us "to poke fun at Maryland." The article, to which our contemporary refers, was intended only for those Marylanders, "who take things which do not belong to them" and not only for them, but Virginians as well, with a like disregard for the property rights of others.

General Fitz Lee preferring to remain in the army is out of the Senatorial race and the contest will be, it is stated, between Hon. Wm. A. Jones and Senator Martin. The decision of General Lee in the matter, of course, will be regretted by the people of the State generally, but it will be gratifying to them to be advised, that the present incumbent will have a "foeman worthy of his steel." The latter, if in the race, it goes without saying, will be there, not for his health, but as a winner, and a lively canvass may therefore be expected in the old Commonwealth in the next few months.

The election of Mr. Tully A. Joyner, as General Superintendent of the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Atlantic Railway Co., will not only be gratifying to the people of the Eastern Shore but his promotion to the place will be generally accepted by them as a proper reward for long and faithful services in the interest of the company. No one will question his ability to discharge the duties of the office efficiently and in a spirit of fairness and courtesy which must commend him to the company he represents and its patrons. We doff our hat to the new superintendent with congratulations and best wishes.

Reports, received through our exchanges, seem to indicate that the peach crop on the Eastern Shore of Maryland and Delaware this year will be a failure. It is the usual report at the beginning of every year in those sections and was accepted when first made with an incredulous smile and as the same old annual story of the peach growers. The unanimity, in which they continue to concur in the matter, seems however to leave it no longer in doubt. The hardiest varieties even, it is stated, have been killed.

The purpose of the present administration as to the Philippines is settled beyond all doubt, by the following telegram to the *Cleveland Leader*, one of Hannu's most prominent organs, of his Washington correspondence, who is known to be exceptionally close to the Boss:

"It is possible to-night to state, without the slightest qualification or equivocation, that the fixed aim and purpose of the national administration respecting the Philippines is now, and without doubt will continue to be, to retain the great Asiatic archipelago as a permanent acquisition of the United States. This is a statement of absolute fact; there is no conjecture or surmise about it. More over, it is official, and, therefore, sanctioned by highest authority."

VIRGINIA NEWS.

The schooner *Annie E. Reynolds* capsized in the Potomac river, during storm of Feb. inst., and six of her crew were drowned.

Hon. Walter D. Dabney, a law professor in the University of Virginia, died March 12th, of consumption, aged forty six years.

It has been definitely decided that Roanoke is to have the Virginia School of Methods for white teachers this summer. For several years heretofore the school has been held in Charlottesville.

The Fred madstone was resold at Leesburg on Monday under decree of the court. The stone brought \$682 50. Miss Gelman, purchaser at the former sale, was the purchaser. At the former sale the stone brought \$450.

Smallpox is spreading in the counties of Dinwiddie, Amelia and Lunenburg. Owing to the prevalence of the disease the public schools in Amelia have been closed, and no county court of Lunenburg was held Monday.

Walton Moore, William A. Jones, and A. J. Montague, the only names mentioned in opposition to the candidacy of Senator Martin. The first-named will certainly be in the field unless he abandons his present position. The candidacy of either of the other two is more or less doubtful.

Rev. H. M. Wharton proposes, with "the aid of the people of the United States," to build a home for the orphan and destitute children and descendants of the ex-Confederate soldiers, and to name it the "Winnie Davis College." It is to be built near Luray, Va., on the celebrated "Whateoever Farm."

Gen. Thomas L. Rosser, who went early last month to Cuba, writes to friends in Virginia that he is buying a large boundary of the best tobacco lands in the province of Pinar del Rio, which he purposes to offer to the tobacco growers of Virginia in small farms. He says that Cuba is the easiest place he ever saw in which to make a living, and that if he is successful he will be able to erect a hotel to cost \$100,000 is to be erected upon the site, and other improvements.

The Norfolk-Hampton Roads Company is about to acquire a large tract of land at Seaville's Point, where it will build up a model home town. The company will construct a cost of \$500,000 a railroad from Norfolk to the property, which is situated directly on Hampton Roads, including some of the finest deep-water frontage in that section. A hotel to cost \$100,000 is to be erected upon the site, and other improvements.

In view of the alleged cases of smallpox in some of the Eastern Virginia cities, Staunton has determined on a system of compulsory vaccination and the city council is providing a suitable place for the same. Cases will be taken on first appearance. The council has voted the money and Mayor Landes is appointing a corps of physicians to vaccinate at public expense all who cannot be vaccinated otherwise. These are but precautionary measures, as there are no suspects there.

A farmer living in Highland county, who desired to make a deposit in one of the Staunton banks, sent his money by registered mail. This is not out of the ordinary, because this is a safe way to send money, and the peculiar part of the transaction is that the farmer used a ten-cent Confederate stamp, presumably not knowing the civil war has ended and another strange incident is that the letter passed through the hands of the Highland and Staunton officers without being detected.—Staunton Spectator.

Hon. Paul C. Edmunds died Sunday at his home in Halifax county, aged sixty five years. For several weeks he had suffered with neuralgia of the heart, and his condition for some time had been so critical that but little hope of his recovery was entertained. Mr. Edmunds was born in Halifax, and was a member of an old and prominent Virginia family. For six years he represented the sixth Virginia district in Congress, having been elected to succeed Hon. J. W. Daniel, when the latter became a member of the Senate.

Gen. Lee not a Candidate.

Gen. Fitzhugh Lee has written a letter to Col. B. O. James, of Richmond, Va., in regard to the United States senatorship, in which he says: "My Dear Colonel—I have received both your letters. My duties as a general have been so heavy that I have not been able to give the subject you mention the careful consideration it deserves. Many letters from anxious friends in Virginia are being constantly received by me, in which they urge my prompt return to the State in order to arrange to make a canvass of the whole State, so that the people may be informed, so far as I can enlighten them, on the political issues involved in the selection of a Senator to represent the State in the United States Senate. These letters have placed me under some embarrassment, because I have been unable to say when I can leave the present important work I am engaged in, and because, too, I cannot say how long my stay will be prolonged on this island.

"In view of these uncertain conditions I think it best to relieve my friends of the anxiety by authorizing you to say that it is my desire that my name shall not be considered in connection with the United States senatorship. I am quite sure my friends generally will support for the seat now occupied by Mr. Martin any candidate who can secure the greatest support from the people or their representatives.

"In conclusion, I express the hope that the people of Virginia will be given in the near future the opportunity for the selection of a Senator to represent their interest in the Senate of the United States, and that no man shall occupy that high position unless he can read his title clear."

A Town With Unique Features.

A special from Irvington says: The village of Irvington, in Lancaster county, Va., has one thousand inhabitants, yet within its precincts there is not a single resident, except as servants. No land can be bought by them, nor can any be rented. And this, too, in a county which is classed among the black counties of the Old Dominion.

This condition alone might make it distinct from any other Southern locality of like population, but there are other unique features in regard to it which are seldom found. The village is not incorporated, does not need nor has it a police, magistrate or constable nearer than four miles. The inhabitants never look the doors to their dwellings or tables, and seldom to their outhouses or offices. Every white voter is a Democrat, save one, the postmaster, and he was until the present Republican administration came into power. Ninety per cent of the men and boys engaged in occupation are oystermen.

Cure Cold in Head.

Kermott's Chocolate Laxative Quinine, easy to take and quick to cure cold in head and sore throat.

Candidates' Cards.

To the voters of Pungoteague district: I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Constable in Pungoteague district, subject to primary election if one is held.

A. J. READ.

To the voters of Accomac: Thanking my friends for their past favors, I take this method of announcing myself as a candidate for re-election to the office of Commissioner of the Revenue for the lower Parish, and of soliciting their support. Of course, I submit my claims subject to the wishes of the Democratic party and if nominated and elected will endeavor, in the future as I have in the past, to discharge faithfully the duties of the office.

WM. D. TUNNELL.

To the voters of Metompkin district: I hereby announce myself as a candidate for re-election to the office of Justice of Peace in said district, subject to the plan adopted by the Democratic party in making nominations and respectfully solicit your support. Having had three years' experience, I feel better able to serve you in the future than in the past, and if it should be your pleasure to give me your support, promise to discharge the duties of the office upon the principles of law, equity and justice.

THOS. B. GILLESPIE.

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To the voters of Accomac: I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of sheriff of Accomac county, at the ensuing May election, subject to whatever method may be adopted by the Democracy of the county relating to a primary election, and pledge myself, if elected to said office, to discharge its duties faithfully, fearlessly and impartially.

L. JAS. GUNTER.

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Belt, Wm.....	\$2.00	1000	Marshall.....	\$2.00	1000
Bismarck.....	\$2.00	1000	Orion.....	\$2.00	1000
Crescent (P).....	\$2.00	1000	Ocean City.....	\$2.00	1000
Columbian.....	\$2.00	1000	Phoenix.....	\$2.00	1000
Cyclone.....	\$2.00	1000	Plover City.....	\$2.00	1000
Delaware.....	\$2.00	1000	Reid's Early Pro.....	\$2.00	1000
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Gardner.....	\$2.00	1000	Staples.....	\$2.00	1000
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Hall's Favorite.....	\$2.00	1000	Tubbs.....	\$2.00	1000
Ideal.....	\$2.00	1000	Tennessee Pro.....	\$2.00	1000
Hoffman.....	\$2.00	1000	West Lawn.....	\$2.00	1000
Haverland (P).....	\$2.00	1000	Weston.....	\$2.00	1000
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Respectfully,

L. H. AMES.

Onancock, Va., Jan. 4th, 1899.

Mr. James S. Clogg, Pocomoke City.

Dear Sir:—As to the goods of the Detrick Co. I do not want any other, all the brands I have tried have turned out favorably, and justified their use. I shall use them the coming season, so far as my crops may need them, and I believe it will pay to buy what I need for what I plant.

Truly, &c.,

J. W. HURST.

Onancock, Va., Jan. 4th, 1899.

Mr. James S. Clogg, Pocomoke City.

Dear Sir:—In reply to your inquiry as to the use of the fertilizer made by the Detrick Co. I would say I have used Gold Basis with happy effect, and for the crops of this Co., so far as I know, have given satisfaction in this neighborhood.

Respectfully,

TANK DOUGHTY.

Onancock, Va., Jan. 4th, 1899.

Mr. J. S. Clogg, Pocomoke City, Md.

Dear Sir:—In reply to your inquiry as to whether the fertilizers of the Detrick Fertilizer & Chemical Co. sold in this section have given satisfaction, we beg leave to say, that we have sold large quantities of these goods the past season, and all farmers who have purchased one or more of the various brands are entirely satisfied, and many say they are the best goods they have ever tried.

Very truly yours,

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Onancock, Va., Jan. 4th, 1899.

Mr. J. S. Clogg, Pocomoke City, Md.

Dear Sir:—I used on round potatoes last year your gold basis and liked it better than any other fertilizer I ever used. I dug 40 barrels of the barrel planted. I also used your gold eagle on sweet potatoes and found it to be a very good fertilizer, also used your corn goods and think it a fine fertilizer for the growth of corn. Expect to use the same goods this season.

Yours respectfully,

M. R. DOUGHTY.

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